

Population of blind persons

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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of blind people in the country at present;
- (b) the number of women, men and children among such blind people, State-wise; and
- (c) the schemes run by Government for providing employment to blind people?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN):
(a) and (b) As per the data available from the Census of India 2001 there are 53.01 lakh persons with visual disability in the country. Sex-wise/ State-wise breakup of such persons is given in the enclosed Statement (*See below*).

(c) Under the Persons with Disability Act 3% reservation is provided to the persons with disability, which includes 1% reservation for the visually disabled persons. Further, for employment of persons with disability in the organized sector, incentives have been announced by the Hon'ble Finance Minister in his budget speech for the year 2007-08.

Statement

Statewise break-up of persons with visual disability as per ensus of

India 2001

Type of Disability (In Seeing)

| Name of State/UTs | No. of Persons | | |
|-------------------|----------------|--------|-------|
| | Male | Female | Total |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| J&K | 61537 | 31691 | 93228 |
| Himachal Pradesh | 22552 | 12790 | 35342 |
| Punjab | 52735 | 36328 | 89063 |

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| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
|--------------------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Chandigarh | 3741 | 2221 | 5962 |
| Uttaranchal | 30889 | 15001 | 45890 |
| Haryana | 64313 | 31900 | 96213 |
| Delhi | 54489 | 30936 | 85425 |
| Rajasthan | 240442 | 89891 | 33033. |
| Uttar Pradesh | 566412 | 259693 | 826105 |
| Bihar | 256814 | 109326 | 366140 |
| Sikkim | 3890 | 2102 | 5992 |
| Arunachal Pradesh | 8759 | 1924 | 10683 |
| Nagaland | 3033 | 1790 | 4823 |
| Manipur | 4133 | 2308 | 6441 |
| Mizoram | 2652 | 1762 | 4414 |
| Tripura | 10394 | 5308 | 15/02 |
| Meghalaya | 3964 | 2864 | 6828 |
| Assam | 91457 | 54268 | 145725 |
| West Bengal | 304084 | 181933 | 486017 |
| Jharkhand | 55707 | 23724 | 79431 |
| Orissa | 170560 | 92018 | 262578 |
| Chhattisgarh | 50333 | 25749 | 76082 |
| Madhya Pradesh | 207372 | 96405 | 303777 |
| Gujarat | 176023 | 90986 | 267009 |
| Daman & Diu | 807 | 432 | 1239 |
| Dadra&NagarHaveli | 747 | ?J0 | 1017 |
| Maharashtra | 218064 | 116875 | 334939 |
| Andhra Pradesh | 170313 | 80528 | 250841 |
| Karnataka | 147508 | 78152 | 225660 |
| Goa | 1647 | 1126 | 2773 |
| Lakshadweep | 216 | 158 | 374 |
| Kerala | 137616 | 105527 | 243143 |
| Tamil Nadu | 285052 | 298174 | 583226 |
| Pondicherry | 4395 | 2329 | 6724 |
| Andaman & Nicobar Island | 1377 | 800 | 2177 |
| TOTAL: | 3414027 | 1887289 | •5301316 |